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SUBJECT: CSCE: SOVIET JOURNAL REQUEST FOR STATEMENT
ON CSCE

REFS: (A) STATE 184143; (B) USNATO 4162

1. QUAI'S CSCE COORDINATOR BEAUCHATAUD TELLS US THAT
ZA RUBEZHOM REQUEST FOR STATEMENT ON CSCE CON-
FRONTS GOF WITH DILEMMA. ON ONE HAND IT IS NOT CUS-
TOMARY FOR FRENCH HEAD OF STATE TO MAKE THIS KIND OF
STATEMENT FOR FOREIGN PERIODICAL (ALTHOUGH GISCARD
SET CERTAIN PRECEDENT THIS REGARD DURING U.S. VISIT).
AT ANY RATE QUAI HAS DECIDED GISCARD PERSONALLY SHOULD
NOT COMPLY
WITH THIS REQUEST.

2. ON THE OTHER HAND, QUAI DOES NOT WANT TO REBUFF
SOVIETS ALTOGETHER FOR BILATERAL REASONS.
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SAUVAGNARGUES HAS THEREFORE ASKED PRIME MINISTER CHIRAC

WHETHER HE WOULD BE PREPARED TO SPONSOR SUCH A STATEMENT
FOR ZA RUBEZHOM. HOWEVER, QUAI DOES NOT YET HAVE A
REPLY.

3. IF CHIRAC AGREES, OTHER ALLIES DECIDE TO SUBMIT
STATEMENTS, AND IF SOVIETS PREPARED TO ACCEPT CHIRAC
RATHER THAN GISCARD STATEMENT, GOF WOULD AGREE TO
ITS SUBMISSION. BEAUCHATAUD PERSONALLY THOUGHT
THAT WHOLE PROJECT WAS NOT A GOOD IDEA, SINCE WEST
SHOULD NOT HELP SOVIETS "CELEBRATE" THEIR VERSION OF
CSCE. HOWEVER HE SAID FINAL FRENCH DECISION WOULD
BE MADE AT HIGHER LEVEL.
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